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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUMMARY: WALDHEIM WAS NOMINATED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A SECOND FIVE-YEAR TERM ON A SECOND ROUND OF BALLOTING IN WHICH HE RECEIVED 14 VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND 1 ABSTENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DETAILS. SC PRESIDENT DATCU (ROMANIA) OPENED THE COUNCIL'S PRIVATE MEETING AT 10:30 ON 7 DECEMBER BY REFERRING TO THE PROCEDURES EARLIER AGREED WITH RESPECT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S NOMINATING A SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. NOTING THERE WERE TWO CANDIDACIES, ECHEVERRIA AND WALDHEIM, COUNCIL MEMBERS FIRST VOTED (ALL BALLOTS SECRET) ON ECHEVERRIA, AND THE BALLOT PAPERS WERE COLLECTED AND HELD AT THE COUNCIL TABLE. MEMBERS THEN VOTED ON WALDHEIM, THE BALLOT PAPERS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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COLLECTED, AND THE TWO SERIES OF PAPERS WERE COUNTED IN THE

PRESENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE RESULTS, ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT, WERE:

ECHEVERRIA 4 YES, 4 NO, 7 ABSTENTION.

WALDHEIM 13 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTENTION.

DATCU ANNOUNCED THAT ECHEVERRIA HAVING NOT RECEIVED THE NECESSARY MAJORITY AND A NEGATIVE VOTE AGAINST WALDHEIM HAVING BEEN CAST BY A PERMANENT MEMBER, THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON A RECOMMENDATION. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE RESULTS HE PROPOSED TO SUSPEND THE MEETING BRIEFLY AND CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS WITH EACH OF THE MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY IN HIS ADJOINING OFFICE.

2. FOLLOWING A FIFTEEN MINUTE SUSPENSION IN WHICH THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD, DATCU CONVENED THE MEMBERS IN JOINT CONSULTATION. HE REPORTED THAT EACH OF THE 15 MEMBERS SUPPORTED CONTINUING THE VOTING ON THE SAME TWO CANDIDACIES.

3. DATCU THEREUPON RESUMED THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL PRIVATE MEETING, AND A SECOND ROUND OF BALLOTING, HELD IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FIRST ROUND, TOOK PLACE. THE RESULTS WERE:

ECHEVERRIA 3 YES, 5 NO, 7 ABSTENTION.

WALDHEIM 14 YES, ZERO NO, 1 ABSTENTION.

4. THE PRESIDENT THEN PROPOSED, AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION, TO UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, "RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT MR. KURT WALDHEIM BE APPOINTED FOR A SECOND TERM OF OFFICE FROM 1 JANUARY 1977 TO 31 DECEMBER 1981."

4. THE PRESIDENT ALSO OBTAINED THE COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT TO ISSUE A COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE STATING:
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"AT THE 1978TH MEETING, HELD IN PRIVATE ON 7 DECEMBER 1976, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AS A RESULT OF THE VOTING ON THE CANDIDATES BY SECRET BALLOT, THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION."...." (FOR TEXT SEE PARA 3 ABOVE)

5. THE MEETING ADJOURNED SOME 90 MINUTES AFTER IT HAD BEGUN.
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